

Council Members Present

Joe Ayala Lynn Boshart David Maskell Bedalia Valdes

Absent

Lacy Kendall Gem Montes

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

Council Member Lynn Boshart moved to approve the minutes of the September meeting. Council Member Bedalia Valdes seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Chairman Remarks

Chairman Joe Ayala commented that the goals of the MAC should be to ensure the beautification and safety of the community. He reiterated that "we are a caring community."

Staff Reports

Field Representative – Lisha Smith

Mrs. Smith informed the public of the Board approval for the formation of the San Bernardino County Homeless Partnership, which will bring people together to address the issue of homelessness problem that is impacting our county. Study was made which determined that in San Bernardino County alone there are approximately 7,334 homeless people. This is a 39% increase based on the study made in 2003.

Mrs. Smith informed the public that the Board also approved the formation of a team that will track the sex offenders in the area since it is presumed that they will go to the unincorporated areas of the county. This team will help ensure the safety of our residents.

Sheriff's Department – Capt. John Powell

Capt. Powell informed El Rancho Verde residents of his upcoming retirement.

Capt. John Powell addressed residents' concern about a trespassing issue that has been reoccurring in the neighborhood. He explained the process about placing someone under citizen's arrest.

The Fontana Sheriff's Station is responsible for serving the unincorporated communities of Rialto. For non-emergency calls and/or information residents may contact the station at (909) 356-6767. For emergencies call 911.

California Highway Patrol – Officer Joe Ramos

Officer Ramos was not present.

To report complaints residents are encouraged to contact the CHP front desk officer at (909) 383-4247. The CHP also offers a safe driving program for young drivers. For more info contact (909) 383-4247.

Presentation

Disaster Preparedness Presentation: Jennifer Pennell and Dennis West

Mrs. Pennell, representative of the County Public Health Department, gave an overview of the County's disaster preparedness program. She explained about various grants that cover issues, such as: biohazardous material, medication needs, etc. She also talked about the county's plans to dispense vaccines and treatment in the case of a countywide emergency or outbreak, such as the pandemic flu. She explained the County's recent exercises to establish Point of Dispensing (PODs) centers that would be used as a mass clinic, to treat residents.

Mrs. Pennell advised the residents to have an emergency kit in their office, car, home, and other feasible locations, as we never know where an emergency may occur.

Mr. West, representative from the County's Office of Emergency Services, spoke about residents preparing themselves and their communities for emergencies. He explained how hospitals throughout the County are working together to develop a plan in case of an emergency or an evacuation.

He gave the residents tips on family working together to develop their own emergency escape route and to establish a meeting point in the neighborhood as well as a pivotal connection located out of state. Mr. West distributed various brochures on emergency preparedness. He also spoke about the Citizen's Emergency Response Team (CERT) program and how it can be vital to the community in time of emergency.

He gave details on the training involved and announced that grant funding is available to cover participants' cost in the program.

Old Business

Action Items

None

Non-Action Items

Tim Millington was not present.

Please call Special Districts for any concerns: (909) 387- 5940

New Business

Action Items

None

Non-Action Items

None

Member Reports

Joe Ayala

No Report

Lynn Boshart

No Report

Lacy Kendall
No Report

Gem Montes
No Report

Bedalia Valdes
No Report

David Maskell
No Report

Subcommittee Reports

Code Enforcement – Bob Kern

Bob Kern stated that he is continuing to follow the City of Ontario's efforts to control group homes. He said that he would get more information on the conditional use permits used by the City.

Call new code enforcement complaints in to the Fontana office at (909) 428-8444. To follow up on existing complaints, please call (909) 428-8425. For Fire Hazard abatement please call (909) 387-4123.

New Development –
None

Signage Along Riverside Ave. – Lisha Smith for Lacey Kendall

Mrs. Smith reported on Lacey Kendall's behalf about the repainting of the signage at the corner of Riverside Avenue and Knollwood. Ms. Kendall will be following up on those who offered to financially support the placement of new signage along Riverside.

Traffic Safety –

Ms. Smith relayed information from SANBAG, stating that they are working on improving the road conditions in front of the Ralph's shopping center as well as the lanes leading to the 210 freeway.

Community Reports

Community Enrichment –
None

Public Comment

John Reynolds addressed his concern about the vandalism at the north end of Sycamore. He suggested more patrols in the area to ensure safety of residents.

Capt. Powell responded stating that he agreed with the need for more patrol in and around the community. He added that four deputies have been reassigned to other areas.

Residents also complained about “for sale” vehicles being parked along outer Riverside Avenue. The Supervisor’s staff will look into the matter to see what code enforcement and/or the Sheriff’s department can do about the situation.

Adjournment

Council Member Maskell made a motion to adjourn until the next El Rancho Verde MAC meeting the second Tuesday in November. Council Member Baldes seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 pm to the next scheduled MAC meeting on Tuesday, November 13, 2007.

Submitted by: Laura Villalobos – El Rancho Verde MAC Secretary (909) 387-4565